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**Subject: Comments on the City of Talkeetna (in organization) Amended Petition**

Dear Mr. Poland:

I would like the following comments added to the Subject file for consideration in preparing the Final Report to the LBC:

**Background:**

I own two local businesses within the proposed incorporation area: D&S Road Services, a road maintenance and construction business with a contract with the Mat-Su Borough for maintenance of roads and facilities in RSA 29; Talkeetna Refuse, a State of Alaska permitted waste collection and disposal business whose service area includes the proposed incorporation area.

**Position Statement:**

All of the representations noted in this writing are those of myself and both of my businesses.

**The Impacted Area:**

The need for local governing authority clearly is needed in the downtown and East Talkeetna areas. These are the areas that are impacted the most. For the purpose of this writing, I will refer to this area as the Village. The balance of the proposed incorporation area will be referred to as the non-Village area.

**The Proposed City Limits:**

The boundaries of the proposed incorporated area are far too large to achieve passage at an area-wide vote. The issues of the Village are very different from those of the non-

Village area, therefore most eligible voters are adamantly opposed to incorporation -- there are twice as many voters in the non-Village area. The amended petition with the present boundaries will surely fail and the Village will continue to be paralyzed to act on important issues. It would also discourage any future attempts at incorporation within the Village.

**The Petitioners:**

Both Mrs. Shoulders and Mr. Page reside outside of the Village. When you consider that it takes 400 or more to incorporate as a home rule city, it is clear why they elected to include the Spur Road and outlying areas: this would allow the combined total number of residents to go over the 400 required for incorporation as a home rule city. The Village has only about 300 residents.

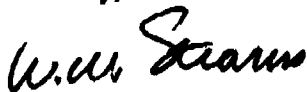
**The Revised Petition:**

Even with the revisions to the budget and the takeover of water and sewer and solid waste, the petition is severely deficient in revenue and expenses. The entire document lacks research into the budget and sufficient input from the affected residents to have a chance of success. When viewed in terms of a realistic incorporation plan, it is clearly aimed at zoning.

**Summary:**

The only way that this petition will pass is to reduce the incorporated area to the Village only. This would reduce the impact on RSA 29 and solid waste management would remain with the Borough since the Talkeetna Transfer Site is outside of the Village. The present amended petition simply will not pass. It needs to be withdrawn before coming to a vote.

Sincerely,



William W. Stearns

**Note:** A signed original was sent via U.S. Mail this date.